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"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY

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Progress.

Work on the Chapel is progressing in a very satisfactory manner, the only delay being on account of the cut stone. This is being delivered as fast as the force of men in Mr. Wm. Sullivan's shops can cut it.

The most interesting feature of the work in the past month was the placing of the altar. This is a single block of Indiana lime-stone weighing over ten tons. It required eight horses to haul it from Norristown. The contract for raising it into its place was given to the Jas. McGinnis Co., of Norristown, experts in that line. The work was done without an accident, and the altar was set in place within a few hours after the riggers arrived.

The altar will be perfectly plain, its only ornamentation being the carved inscription across the front. In the cen-

ter will be set the silver-plated name-plate from Washington's overbox, and the altar will be a memorial of his religious life.

The Lincoln Memorial Cross.

The Altar Cross has been given in memory of Abraham Lincoln by "A Descendant of a Pennsylvania Ancestor of President Lincoln." This memorial of the martyred President will be one of the most beautiful objects in the Chapel. The original intention of the architect, Mr. Milton B. Medary, Jr., was to have this cross cast in bronze. He has now decided that it will be more effective if made of wood and carved. The carving will be done by E. Maene, the famous wood carver. Mr. Maene is the master sculptor on the Chapel force, and the cross will follow the best traditions of the carvers' art and craft.

This gift is a noteworthy one, and the richly carved reredos will form a beautiful background for this handsome memorial of President Lincoln, which will stand just above the Washington Memorial Altar.

The Chapel Pipe Organ.

For years the congregation of the Washington Memorial Chapel has looked forward to the time when the worship of God would be made more worthy by the support of the rich tones of a pipe organ. That happy day seemed far distant to those of little faith, and therefore the announcement made by the Rector on Sunday, Sept. 26th, came as an unexpected but most welcome surprise.

The organ is the gift of Mr. William L. Austin, and is given in memory of his ancestor, David Snyder, who served in the Revolution as Lieutenant of Light Dragoons.

The organ chamber is already under construction, and no organ could have a more worthy setting. The deeply moulded stone openings are of rare grace and beauty, and some day these will be enriched with elaborately carved screens.

The organ chamber will be lined with hollow tile, to ensure absolute freedom from dampness, and the air drawn into the bellows will be of the same temperature as that in the Chapel.

Mr. Austin has won the lasting gratitude of the Washington Chapel congregation for this very generous gift.

A Memorial of General Huntington.

The descendants of General Jedediah Huntington will give the Sanctuary Door in memory of their famous ancestor.

General Huntington commanded a brigade at Valley Forge, consisting of the 1st Regiment, Connecticut Infantry, Lieutenant-Colonel Sampel Prentice; 2d Regiment, Connecticut Infantry, Colonel Charles Webb; 5th Regiment, Connecticut Infantry, Colonel Philip B. Bradley; 7th Regiment, Connecticut Infantry, Colonel Heman Swift.

This Brigade was located near Fort Huntington, the redoubt in the center of the Inner Line of earthworks. On the 22d of December, 1777, General Huntington wrote to General Washington: "I received an order to hold my brigade in readiness to march. Fighting would be far preferable to starving. My brigade are out of provisions nor can the commissary obtain any meat. I am exceedingly sorry in being the bearer of complaints to Headquarters. I have used every argument my imagination can invent to make the soldiers easy, but I despair of being able to do it much longer."

General Huntington was the son of Jabez Huntington, a wealthy merchant of Connecticut, who served as a member of the Committee of Safety, and from September, 1776, was a major-general of Militia.

Jedediah Huntington, his son, was born in Norwich, Conn., Aug. 4, 1743, and died in New London, Conn., Sept. 25, 1818. He graduated from Harvard in 1763. "He was engaged in commercial pursuits with his father, was an active Son of

Liberty, and a member of the committee of correspondence that was established at a Norwich town-meeting on 6 June, 1774. He raised a regiment in which he was made captain, joined the army at Cambridge on 26 April, 1775, and aided in repulsing the British at Danbury in April, 1776. Having been appointed brigadier-general on 12 May, 1777, he joined the main army near Philadlephia in September of that year, and in May, 1778, was ordered to Hudson river. He served in the court-martial that tried Gen. Charles Lee for misconduct at Monmouth in 1778, and in the court that was summoned to examine John Andre in Tappan on 29 Sept., 1780. At the close of the war he was breveted major-general. He resumed his business, and was successively sheriff of the county, state treasurer, and delegate to the convention that adopted the constitution of the United States. He was then appointed by Washington to the post of collector of customs at New London, where he removed in 1789, and held the office for twenty-six years. He was one of the first board of foreign missions, and a zealous supporter of charitable institutions. His first wife, Faith, was a daughter of Gov. Trumbull, and his second wife was the sister of Bishop Moore, of Virginia. He entertained many distinguished officers in his house, among whom were Lafayette, Steuben and Pulaski. When Lauzun's legion was stationed at Lebanon during the winter of 1780-1, he invited that commander and his officers to a banquet. On 10 May, 1783, at a meeting of officers, he was appointed one of a committee of four to draft a plan of organization, which resulted in their reporting on the 13 of that month the constitution of the Society of the Cincinnati."

(Appleton's Cyclopedia of American Biography, Vol 3, 325.)

The Huntington Door will open from the choir into the sanctuary, and will be made of heavy oak. The door will be made by G. Gerald Evans, of Philadelphia, and the hardware will be hammered iron, wrought by Samuel Yellin, of the same city. The Huntington arms will be emblazoned on the door, and the inscription will be cut as in the other doors in the Chapel.

LECTURER IN RELIGIOUS PEDAGOGY.

"The Church News" for October has the following item:

"The school year of the 'Church Training and Deaconess House' will open Wednesday, October 6th, with a service in the Chapel at 4 p. m., at which an address will be made by Bishop Rhinelander. Advantageous and attractive additions have been made to the course of instruction, of which may be mentioned a course on 'Methods of Religious Teaching,' by the Rev. Herbert Burk."

Mr. Burk began his lectures on Friday, October 8th.

Confirmation at the Chapel.

The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, will visit the Chapel on Sunday, November 14th, and administer the apostolic rite of Confirmation. The Confirmation Lectures will be held on Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. The Rector asks the privilege of speaking to those who have not been confirmed.

MASTERS IN CHURCH SCHOOLS AT VALLEY FORGE.

The Masters in Church Schools who attended the eighth annual conference at St. Luke's School, Wayne, September 14 and 15, visited Valley Forge on the latter day under the direction of Prof. Charles H. Strout, Headmaster of St. Luke's. The visitors were welcomed to the Chapel by the Rector, who showed them the points of interest, including the relics in the Valley Forge Museum of American History.

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Miss Mary M. Hibbs, Chorister.
Miss Mary Pugh, Organist.
Mr. Louis Buler, Sexton.

Sundays.

10.45 A. M. Service and Sermon.
2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Holy Communion, First Sunday.
Saints' Days, 9.30 A. M. Holy Communion.
King-of-Prussia:
9 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

The Valley Forge Museum of American History.

Curator, The Rev. W. Herbert Burk, B. D.
Assistant Curator, Mr. Reginald L. Hart.

A meeting of the Washington Chapel Committee will be held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Custis Harrison on Monday, October 18.

The Roof of the Republic.

Richard M. Cadwalader, Esq., President of the Sons of the Revolution, has honored his State by presenting the Pennsylvania State Panel. Mr. Cadwalader has been a devoted friend of the Washington Memorial Chapel and his enthusiastic support of this work culminates in his generous gift of this panel.

The Oregon State Panel will be the gift of Miss Fairing, who is Vice-Regent for the State of Oregon at Mount Vernon. Her deep interest in the presentation of Washington's home and its historic associations, made her appreciate the effort to honor him at Valley Forge. Oregon ought to be proud to have among her citizens one whose generosity and patriotism will give to the State a place of honor in this great memorial.

The Maine State Panel is the gift of Mr. Henry D. Moore, who was born at Steuben, Washington county, that state. The town was named after the great drill master of Valley Forge, as the county was in honor of the genius of Valley Forge. Maine was not one of the original colonies, but at the time of the Revolution was included in the colony of Massachusetts. Among the regiments of that State at Valley Forge there were 400 men from the territory now included in the State of Maine. To these men Maine erected a memorial in 1907 on the Right Line Boulevard. It bears the following inscription:

"To commemorate the Officers and Men from that Part of the New England now known as the State of Maine, who served in Massachusetts Regiments in the Continental Army under Washington at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-8, sharing the hardships there endured, this memorial is erected by the State of Maine, under the auspices of the Maine Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1907."

Mrs. T. P. Chandler, Jr., is the donor of the Delaware State Panel. Mrs.

Chandler was a Miss duPont, of Wilmington, Delaware, and like all her family, is devoted to the traditions of her State.

The Delaware State Panel ought to remind every American patriot of the important part which that State took in the foundation of the great Republic. While party strife was at its height in Philadelphia, and the fate of the Constitution hung in a balance, a convention was held at Dover, where "on the 6th of December, the Constitution was ratified without a single dissenting voice. Thus did this little State lead the way in the good work. The news was received with exultation by the Federalists at Philadelphia, and on the 12th Pennsylvania ratified the Constitution by a two-third vote of 46 to 23. The next day all business was quite at a standstill, while the town gave itself up to processions and merry-making. The convention of New Jersey had assembled at Trenton, on the 11th, and one week later, on the 18th, it ratified the Constitution unanimously." Thus Delaware led the people in the political advance.

The first six Panels will form the ceiling of the Sanctuary. In the order of their ratification of the Constitution these are Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Of these the Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut Panels have been given. The others ought to be quickly secured.

The Prayer Desk.

The design for the Prayer Desk has been made, and, like all the other appointments of the Chapel, has its own distinctive beauty. It will be of oak, and will be carved by A. Maene.

Valley Forge Chapter, D. A. R., will give this beautiful desk in memory of Mrs. Anna Morris Holstein, the first Regent of the Chapter. In the History of the "Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge," her biography is given as follows:

"Anna Morris Holstein was born in Muncy, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1824, and died at her home, near Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1900, in her seventy-sixth year. She was married to Major William Hayman Holstein in 1848, and lived all her married life in the home her husband had in readiness at their marriage. She outlived her husband only a few years.

"Mrs. Holstein was the daughter of Rebecca Morris and William Cox Ellis, and came of distinguished ancestry. She was a direct descendant of Captain Samuel Morris, of the First City Troop of Philadelphia, with Washington at the battle of Princeton and Trenton, and Washington's Body Guard during the war; also a descendant of Thomas Ellis, Registrar General of the Province of Pennsylvania, and friend of William Penn.

"When the effort was made to collect funds throughout the Union to purchase Washington's Mount Vernon home, Mrs. Holstein was appointed Lady Manager for Montgomery county.

"In 1862 Mrs. Holstein offered her services to the Government as an army nurse, and with Mr. Holstein began work in the field hospitals of the Army of the Potomac, at Falmouth, and Potomac Creek. After the battle of Gettysburg Mrs. Holstein had charge of Camp Letterman, with three thousand seriously wounded men. She remained with the army until the close of the war, following the army in army wagons, and sleeping under tents, enduring hardships and distress to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded and dying.

"With prophetic foresight, Mrs. Holstein labored to arouse public sentiment to a true appreciation of the historic value of the hills of Valley Forge, on which Washington's army lay encamped 1777-'78, and largely to her efforts is due the credit of rescuing and restoring

Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge. She was made Regent of the Valley Forge Centennial and Memorial Association, at its organization which office she held until her death. With untiring zeal she labored that this association might purchase the headquarters of Washington at Valley Forge as a memorial for all time to come. In common with other members of this association she felt a deep sense of gratitude to the Camps of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, who removed the final indebtedness upon the property, and made Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge a lasting memorial. As Regent of the association, she presided with much grace and dignity at many public receptions and gatherings at the Headquarters. Her pen and voice were ever active in enlisting the interest of the nation in Valley Forge, and she kept open house to many distinguished guests in her hospitable home.

"Mrs. Holstein organized and was the first Regent of the Valley Forge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Norristown, Pa. She was Matron of the Pennsylvania Building at the World's Fair, Chicago, 1893. Also an active member of the Historical Society of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, speaking and writing upon topics of local historical interest; author of 'Three Years in Field Hospitals,' giving her three years' experience in that noble work. Also compiled and published the Holstein family history a few years before her death.

"She also compiled sketches of her life in camp, written every night to her mother, on a barrel head with a candle for light, but her death occurred before these sketches were printed. She was a contributor to newspapers and magazines from time to time, many articles on patriotic subjects appearing in the 'Camp News' while it was edited by H. J. Stager.

"Mrs. Holstein was an earnest Christian woman, and her whole life was a life of service. She was a woman of strong patriotic impulses, and gifted with intelligence, and of a generous, refined and tender nature. Her absorbing life interests were patriotic, and found their fullest expression in the great service she rendered her country in her love for Valley Forge and devotion in preserving its history."

M. B. J.

The Church News Tells of the Chapel.

"The Church News" for October contained an excellent article on the Convocation of Norristown, by the Rev. Francis C. Hartshorne, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville, and Associate Editor of the "Church News." We reprint what he said of the Washington Memorial Chapel. The illustrations included the sketch of the Washington Memorial, the Thanksgiving Tower, and the Washington-Wood Pulpit Lectern and Perclose.

THE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

'Your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." So long as that is true of any country its spiritual interests are safe. The difficulties of the seer of visions, and they are many, arise from the fact that at first no one else can see what he sees. If, by the most persevering efforts he manages to get his dream partly realized, then less adventurous spirits will sometimes come to his aid, seeing, at last, something of that which he has seen all along. But many a seer never lives until that comes to pass. Washington was a dreamer, and went through many dark days before his dream of a free America was realized, but he saw it and was satisfied. The Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge is as truly a dream realized, a vision materialized as anything in all Pennsylvania. As Minerva is said to have sprung, full-armed, from the head of Jupiter, so this project was conceived and elaborated in the mind of W. Herbert Burk when rector of All Saints', Norristown. We do not know how long before he may have

had the idea in his mind, but he first made it public in a sermon preached in Norristown on Washington's Birthday, 1903. Whatever may have been thought of this project in its earlier stages, everyone now recognizes that Mr. Burk has made the Church, the state and the nation his debtors by conceiving and carrying through, in spite of all discouragements, this great task. He has had helpers, of course, who gave of their time and means, but he has literally given himself. Even if it were a vision, those who have planned the work from the first went about it in no visionary way. A competent architect was selected, and complete plans for the whole undertaking adopted at the outset. Too often enterprises of this character are started in a cheap and flimsy manner, and later on what has already been done has to be taken down and everything begun over again. At Valley Forge that will not be the case, for the physical foundations have been laid broad and deep, and everything built upon them has been of most substantial and permanent character. Only as much of the chapel was built from time to time as there was money to pay for. For some years it has been apparent that so much had been done, and done so well, that the project was no longer to be considered a doubtful experiment, but simply had to be carried through some time. And now, after twelve years of effort, and after many "painful steps, and slow," the chapel is actually completed,* for during the last twelve months a committee, of which Mr. Stevens Hecksher was chairman and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Custis Harrison were members, has raised the full amount required for the completion of the chapel. Our illustrations shows the architect's plan for the whole group of buildings, and now that so much has already been accomplished, we are quite prepared to see the remaining portions of the plan carried through per schedule. For the last year or so the Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese has taken a very great interest in the undertaking, and his advice and assistance have been a great help. The title to the property ha recently been vested in trustees, so that no matter what might be the character or intentions of some vestry in the future, the chapel property could not be alienated or mismanaged.

The chapel has already been adorned with many beautiful gifts in memory of the soldiers of the Revolution. These include the pews of the patriots, including the President's pew; the pew screens, in memory of the brigadier-generals and major-generals at Valley Forge; the Washington-Wood pulpit, lectern and perclose, in memory of Alan Wood, and in commemoration of George Washington, warden of Truro Parish, and lay reader in the French and Indian War; the Washington-Sullivan font, in memory of Ralph Sullivan, and in commemoration of Washington's birth and baptism; the Washington door, given by the Colonial Chapter D. A. R.; the Commander-in-Chief's door, given by the Philadelphia Chapter 2; the door of the Allies, given by the Society of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots. The New York State women will give the Inauguration door, and descendants of General Huntingdon will give the Sanctuary door in his memory. The sedilia will commemorate Washington's rectors, including Bishop White. The Roof of the Republic, as the ceiling is called, will be made up of state panels, each bearing the arms of a state of the Union. Several of these nave already been promised. A beautiful prayer desk for the choir will be presented by the Valley Forge Chapter D. A. R., in memory of Anna Morris Holstein, who did so much for Valley Forge. One of the most pleasing features of the Chapel is the Cloister of the Colonies. The following bays have been erected:

New Jersey, by Miss Sarah R. Chew, 1905.

Pennsylvania, by Mr. T. Broom Belfield, 1906.

*Rather, nearing completion.

Virginia, by Mr. George C. Thomas, 1907.

Maryland, by Mr. James E. Mitchell, 1908.

Massachusetts, by Massachusetts Society S. A. R., 1909.

Delaware, by George A. Eliot, president of the Delaware Society Sons of the American Revolution, 1912.

New York, by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America, 1912.

Connecticut, by the patriotic societies of Connecticut.

The New Hampshire, given by Arthur E. Pearson, is now under construction.

The chapel is doing a notable work in ministering to the large number of patriots who come to Valley Forge. This includes schools, colleges, patriotic and historical societies and other organizations. Often the rector makes four or five addresses on a Saturday for as many schools. The chapel has about one hundred members and a Sunday School of sixty. Recently a Sunday School building, a log cabin, has been erected in the grove back of the chapel. In connection with the chapel there is a remarkable musuem which now occupies the first room of the Patriots' Hall.

The Washington Memorial will include the Patriots' Hall, the Washington Memorial Chapel, the Washington Memorial Library, the Cloister of the Colonies, the Porch of the Allies and the Thanksgiving Tower. The property consists of about thirty-two acres and is splendidly located in the very center of the encampment. The Valley Forge Museum and the Washington Memorial Library, both founded by Mr. Burk, are growing institutions and are destined to have a great influence upon the development of the patriotic spirit in America.

The work at King-of-Prussia was begun by the Rev. Francis T. H. Finn, under the direction of Mr. Burk. With the exception of a few months, the Sunday School and services have been held in the Stewart Fund Hall, which has been generously loaned for this purpose by the trustees. The Sunday School ought to have a building in the center of the village.

From time to time special appropriations have been made by the Convocation for the use of the rector of Valley Forge Memorial Chapel in connection with his work at the missions of King-of-Prussia, and of Trinity Mission, Gulph Mills.